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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shuichi WATANABE Conf.: 8589
Appl. No.: 09/451,097 Group: 2613
Filed: November 30, 1999 Examiner: Lee, Richard J.
For: IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS PERFORMING
RETRIEVAL BASED ON CODING INFORMATION
UTILIZED FOR FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION
OR FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND REQUEST FOR
INTERVIEW PRIOR TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 17, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, the period for response being extended one month per the attached Petition, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Claim Amendments; Remarks; and a Request for an Interview Prior to a First Office Action.